

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in this application. Claims 13-22 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-12 and 23-35 are rejected. Claims 1, 3, 23, 25 and 33 are amended hereby. Claims 6 and 28 are canceled hereby.

Responsive to the objection to the drawings, Applicant has amended Fig. 2 keeping in mind the comments of the Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings are in allowable form.

Responsive to the objection to the specification, Applicant has amended the specification keeping in mind the comments of the Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that the specification is in allowable form.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 3, 4, 25 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Applicant has amended claims 3 and 25 keeping in mind the comments of the Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3, 4, 25 and 26 are in allowable form.

Applicant respectfully submits that no status of claims 3, 4, 25 and 26 is given relative to the art, and requests that claims 3, 4, 25 and 26 be examined relative to the art and that the status of these same claims relative to the art be provided by the Examiner as required by MPEP 2143.03.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 10-12, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30, 32 and 33-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,252,086 (Russell et al.), Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, and submits that claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 10-12, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30, 32 and 33-35 are in condition for allowance.

Russell et al. '086 disclose a power distribution unit 61 (Figs. 1-3) shaped to be received within utility raceway 23 partition panel 22 (column 4, lines 35-36). The illustrated power

distribution unit for panel 22 generally includes powerway 21 (Fig. 3), outlet blocks 37 and 46, jumpers 62 and 63, power tap-in 28, and an optional light harness 64 (column 4, lines 36-40). Jumper 62 is utilized to electrically connect connectors 243, 245, 250 and 252 in outlet block 37 to selected ones of bus bar conductors 68-71 and 74-77 (column 4, lines 50-52). Jumper 63 is similarly utilized to electrically connect connectors (not shown) in outlet block 46 to selected ones of bus bar conductor 68-71 and 74-77 (column 4, lines 53-56).

In contrast, claim 1 recites in part:

an electrical receptacle connected to said modular wall panel, said electrical receptacle including a connector having a plurality of connector terminals, a plurality of receptacle terminals, and at least one jumper providing connection from one of said plurality of receptacle terminals to one of said plurality of connector terminals ...

(Emphasis added). Applicant submits that such an invention is neither taught, disclosed or suggested by Russell et al. '086, or any of the other cited references, alone or in combination, and includes distinct advantages thereover.

In further contrast, claim 23 recites in part:

An electrical receptacle ... comprising:
a connector having a plurality of connector terminals;
a plurality of receptacle terminals; and
at least one jumper providing connection from one of said plurality of receptacle terminals to one of said plurality of connector terminals ...

(Emphasis added). Applicant submits that such an invention is neither taught, disclosed or suggested by Russell et al. '086, or any of the other cited references, alone or in combination, and includes distinct advantages thereover.

In further contrast, claim 33 recites in part:

providing an electrical receptacle including a connector having a plurality of connector terminals, a plurality of receptacle terminals ...
inserting said at least one jumper into said electrical receptacle ... and

connecting one of said plurality of receptacle terminals to one of said plurality of connector terminals using said jumper ...

(Emphasis added). Applicant submits that such an invention is neither taught, disclosed or suggested by Russell et al. '086, or any of the other cited references, alone or in combination, and includes distinct advantages thereover.

Russell et al. '086 disclose a power distribution unit which includes a powerway with busbars therein, and a jumper which connects an outlet block to some of the busbars. Russell et al. '086 fails to disclose the electrical receptacle including a connector having a plurality of connector terminals, a plurality of receptacle terminals, and at least one jumper providing connection from one of the plurality of receptacle terminals to one of the plurality of connector terminals.

An advantage of the present invention is a simpler and more cost effective design when compared to Russell et al. '086.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 1, 23 and 33, and claims 2, 6, 8, 10-12, 24, 27, 28, 30, 32, 34 and 35 depending therefrom, are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 1, 2, 5, 23 and 33-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,131,860 (Bogiel), Applicant has amended claims 1, 23 and 33, and submits that claims 1, 2, 5, 23 and 33-35 are in condition for allowance.

Bogiel '860 discloses modular wall panel 10 having a harness which includes a plurality of power lines providing a plurality of distribution circuits (column 3, lines 16-31). A pair of common receptacles 24, and an accompanying pair of circuit selectors in the form of interchangeable circuit control modules 26 are part of a power distribution subassembly 30 mounted within track elements 14 (column 3, lines 35-41). Housing elements 64 has a first

opening 70 at the front thereof for receiving one of receptacles 24, and a second opening 72 for receiving one of the interchangeable circuit control modules 26 (column 4, lines 46-49). One of the interchangeable circuit control modules will electrically couple the respective receptacle contacts to one of the power or line wires, one of the ground wires and one of the neutral wires of power lines 58 (column 6, lines 64-68).

In contrast, claim 1 as amended recites in part: “an electrical receptacle ... including receptacle openings on said electrical receptacle, said at least one jumper on a side of said electrical receptacle opposite said receptacle openings.”. (Emphasis added). Applicant submits that such an invention is neither taught, disclosed or suggested by Bogiel ‘860, or any of the other cited references, alone or in combination, and includes distinct advantages thereover.

In further contrast, claim 23 as amended recites in part: “An electrical receptacle ... comprising: ... receptacle openings on said electrical receptacle, said at least one jumper on a side of said electrical receptacle opposite said receptacle openings.”. (Emphasis added). Applicant submits that such an invention is neither taught, disclosed or suggested by Bogiel ‘860, or any of the other cited references, alone or in combination, and includes distinct advantages thereover.

In further contrast, claim 33 as amended recites in part: “providing an electrical receptacle including a connector having a plurality of connector terminals, a plurality of receptacle terminals, at least one jumper and receptacle openings on said electrical receptacle; inserting said at least one jumper into said electrical receptacle on a side of said electrical receptacle opposite said receptacle openings ...”. (Emphasis added). Applicant submits that such an invention is neither taught, disclosed or suggested by Bogiel ‘860, or any of the other cited references, alone or in combination, and includes distinct advantages thereover.

Bogiel ‘860 discloses interchangeable circuit control modules which are placed in a

housing opening on the same side of the receptacles. Bogiel '860 fails to disclose receptacle openings on the electrical receptacle, the jumper being on a side of the electrical receptacle opposite the receptacle openings.

An advantage of the present invention is that it is more tamper proof when compared to Bogiel '860.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 1, 23 and 33, and claims 2, 5, 34 and 35 depending therefrom, are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 7, 9, 29 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious by U.S. Patent No. 5,252,086 (Russell et al.), Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claims 7, 9, 29 and 31 are dependent upon independent claims 1 and 23. Claims 1 and 23 are distinguished from the prior art including Russell et al. '086 as described above; therefore, any dependent claims, including claims 7, 9, 29 and 31, are distinguished from the prior art including Russell et al. '086. For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that claims 1 and 23, and claims 7, 9, 29 and 31 depending therefrom, are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

Responsive to the rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious by U.S. Patent No. 5,252,086 (Russell et al.), Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claim 5 is dependent upon independent claim 1. Claim 1 is distinguished from the prior art including Russell et al. '086 as described above; therefore, any dependent claims, including claim 5 is distinguished from the prior art including Russell et al. '086. For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that claim 1, and claim 5 depending therefrom, are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims are definite and do particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Moreover, Applicant submits that no combination of the cited references teaches, discloses or suggests the subject matter of the amended claims. The pending claims are therefore in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicant hereby conditionally petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (260) 897-3400.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen D. Horchem
Registration No. 53,035

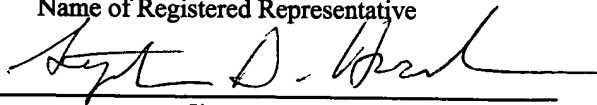
Agent for Applicant

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: MS Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on: September 28, 2005.

Stephen D. Horchem, Reg. No. 53,035

Name of Registered Representative



Signature

September 28, 2005

Date

SDH/mb

TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.
142 S. Main Street
P.O. Box 560
Avilla, IN 46710
Telephone: 260-897-3400
Facsimile: 260-897-9300

Enc.: Return postcard

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend Fig. 2 as indicated in red on the attached annotated marked-up drawing(s).

A replacement sheet presenting replacement figures which incorporate the desired changes is also enclosed.

